ST. LOUIS REGION FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS 2021-2023

The St. Louis Region is projected to have a net increase of more than 30,000 jobs between 2021 and 2023. Of the top 20 fastest growing occupations, nine are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* occupation group and four are in the *Personal Care and Service* group. These occupations are concentrated in industries that experienced major employment declines during the COVID-19 pandemic, but are projected to recover, at least partially, and have high rates of employment growth over the next two years.

Occupation	2021 Estimated Employment	2023 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Annual Openings	Average Annual Wage
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	1,032	1,348	316	30.6%	353	\$24,470
Concierges	346	411	65	18.8%	81	\$29,311
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	1,299	1,524	225	17.3%	435	\$23,956
Film and Video Editors	258	297	39	15.1%	46	\$55,675
Cooks, Restaurant	10,963	12,618	1,655	15.1%	2,531	\$27,958
Bartenders	4,271	4,782	511	12.0%	1,009	\$27,951
Musicians and Singers	360	403	43	11.9%	66	n/a
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	3,223	3,579	356	11.1%	766	\$24,234
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	803	891	88	11.0%	191	\$22,631
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	2,760	3,057	297	10.8%	820	\$22,900
Chefs and Head Cooks	558	618	60	10.8%	106	\$48,262
Lodging Managers	245	271	26	10.6%	41	\$66,147
Locker Room, Coatroom, and Dressing Room Attendants	417	457	40	9.6%	111	\$24,289
Waiters and Waitresses	17,739	19,421	1,682	9.5%	4,423	\$24,801
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	3,851	4,213	362	9.4%	800	\$38,039
Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials	1,355	1,482	127	9.4%	258	\$35,270
Dishwashers	2,055	2,247	192	9.3%	438	\$24,974
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	6,811	7,431	620	9.1%	1,354	\$36,708
Nurse Practitioners	2,541	2,771	230	9.1%	255	\$105,878
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8,559	9,328	769	9.0%	1,568	\$25,104



Only includes occupations with annual openings of 40 or more.

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